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EXAMINER: REIFSNYDER, DAVID A.

For: FLOW CONDITIONING

APPARATUS AND SEPARATION SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR

USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this Amendment and Response in reply to the Office Action (Paper No. 7) mailed May 7, 2003. A two-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

> I hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis for believing that this correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents,

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October 7, 2003

Application Number 10/036,795 Amendment dated October 7, 2003 Reply to Office Action dated May 7, 2003

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the specification and the claims as follows herein.